Assistance by W.H.O. for education of Leprosy

5664. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Ministr of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to states:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation has formulated a time-bound programme for eradication of laprosy in the world;

(b) if so, whether this disease is on an increase in India;

(c) if so, whether any guidelines have been set up by the W.H.O. to eradicate the disease;

(d) whether Government have examined these guidelines; and

(e) if so, what assistance and help is being provided by the W.H.O. to eradicate this disease in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) World Health Organisation has set a goal to achieve elimination of leprosy by the year 2000 AD by reducing the incidence to less than 1 per 10,000 population.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Dos not arise.

(e) Under WHO Country budget a provision of US $ 207100 has been made for National Leprosy Eradication Programme for biennium 1994-1995.

Census on Medical Profession

5665. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any census of the medical profession or services in the country has been recently undertaken;

(b) if so, what are the major findings thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Medicos on Study Abroad

5666. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical graduates qualified in Allopathy who had gone for higher studies abroad and have returned to India during the last three years; and

(b) whether those who have returned are practising or have joined service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) As per available information, the number of doctors who had gone abroad and registered in various countries and number of these reported to have returned to the country during the years 1990, 1991 and 1992 are as under:—

Year ending	Number Registered	Number Returned
31-12-1990 . .	5813	2800
31-12-1991 . .	5887	2835
31-12-1992 . .	5949	2850

(b) No such data is maintained.